

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 and 21 (canceled).

9. (original): A locking security system, comprising:

a key, including a first storage which stores identification information;

a network; a manager, connected to the network;

at least one terminal, connected to the manager via the network, the terminal provided with a door;

a lock section, provided in the terminal and actuated by the key to lock or unlock the door;

a receiver, provided in the terminal to acquire the identification information from the key;

a second storage, provided in the terminal to store registration information of the key;

a checker, which determines whether the identification information acquired by the receiver matches with the registration information;

and a limiter, which restricts an unlocking actuation of the key when the checker determines that the identification information does not match with the registration information.

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10. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the checker is provided in the terminal.

11. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the checker is provided on the network between the terminal and the manager.

12. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the checker is provided in the manager.

13. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the key includes a first communicator and the receiver includes a second communicator so that information including the identification information is communicated.

14. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 13, wherein radio wave communication is performed between the first communicator and the second communicator.

15. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the manager includes a third storage a storage which stores unlocked information when the restriction of the unlocking actuation of the limiter is released.

16. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the manager includes a writer which rewritably records the identification information in the first storage.

17. (original): The locking security system as set forth in claim 16, wherein the writer updates the identification information when the restriction of the unlocking actuation of the limiter is released.

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18. (original): A method of locking a door, comprising the steps of: providing a key with identification information; providing a locking device which locks or unlocks the door; storing registration information of the key in the locking device; restricting an unlocking actuation of the locking device; inserting the key into the locking device; comparing the identification information and the registration information; and releasing the restriction of the unlocking actuation of the locking device so as to be actuatable with the key, when the identification information and the registration information are matched.

19. (original): The locking method as set forth in claim 18, further comprising the step of updating the identification information when the releasing step is performed.

20. (original): The locking method as set forth in claim 18, further comprising the step of storing unlocked information when the releasing step is performed.